



State of Emergency Declared In Council’s Virtual Meeting

by Matt Arbach

A special meeting of the city council, with City Manager Nicole Ard and city staff, was convened on Monday, March 30, to discuss the measures being taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. To maintain social distancing, the meeting was held virtually with the phone lines open for public comment. Mayor Colin Byrd declared that Greenbelt is in the midst of unusual circumstances and in an unprecedented situation. The meeting ended with Ard, in her role as the city executive, reading the city’s own state of emergency into the record.

The first topic of discussion was how, in view of social distancing, council would honor

the city charter, which requires a meeting twice a month and a budget to be submitted on or before the first meeting in April. With this novel virtual option now available, Councilmember Emmett Jordan said, “it is important to stick to the charter to make sure we are doing the business of the city as best as we can.”

According to Public Information and Communications Coordinator Beverly Palau, the proposed budget will be presented at a virtual meeting of the city council on Friday, April 24. After that, there will be several worksessions,

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PHOTO BY MIKE MCLAUGHLIN

Leslie McLaughlin is a one-woman mask factory. See story on page 8.

My Perspective

80 Years Apart, but the Same Royal Message Resounds

by Sylvia Lewis

I watched Queen Elizabeth’s speech last Sunday and heard her reference the broadcast she had made in October 1940. I was 5 years old when I listened to that broadcast at my home in East London. The young Princess Elizabeth’s speech to the children of the Commonwealth was reassuring and comforting to evacuees and children, like me, who were still at home never knowing when or where the next bomb would hit. Listening to Sunday’s speech I was reminded of those early days of World War II. France had surrendered and it appeared that England would soon be invaded. Those were dark days indeed.

Comparing this current crisis with WWII is appropriate, for

these too are dark days. Our lives have changed. We are nervous now, as many were then, and we take special precautions. We don’t put up black-out curtains and carry gas masks, but we wash our hands frequently, stay six feet apart and, yes, we wear face masks now. Families and friends are separated not because some go off to war but because travel is restricted and we are unable to gather together in fellowship and celebrate special occasions. New regulations are introduced almost daily and carefully laid plans have to be changed. Yes, there are similarities, not the least of which is that people are in danger and die.

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City Emergency Declaration: Staying Safe During Pandemic

by Grace Kathleen Todd

Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web www.greenbeltnewsreview.com.

When Greenbelt declared a city state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic on Monday, March 30, not much changed because the city had already adopted many emergency measures.

“We were already in a state of emergency with our actions,” said City Manager Nicole Ard.

She said the declaration signals to the federal government that Greenbelt is following emergency protocol, increasing the chances of federal reimbursement for emergency costs.

“We just want to make sure



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Nicole Ard
that when people are going back and looking at our expenses and any opportunities for us to be

reimbursed . . . we’ve done everything that we can possibly do to position the city in the best way for that reimbursement,” Ard said.

Costs the city faces include protective equipment for health-care and emergency workers, gear for teleworking and loss of typical revenue from public programs, among others.

“Hopefully, they’ll be able to see that we were trying to keep everyone safe and to continue the mission of some of our essential services,” Ard said.

The declaration was also in accordance with a pre-existing

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Greenbelt Residents Find Their Calling Performing Shakespeare

by Rayonna Burton-Jernigan

For a tight-knit community like Greenbelt, it’s always important to celebrate the accomplishments of neighborhood talent. Residents Ian Rogers, 49, and Zach Brewster-Geisz, 48, are actors working in the metro D.C. area. Both have known from early in their lives that they wanted to be actors.

What Goes On

There are no public events or meetings scheduled by the city for the remainder of this month.

Rogers started acting in his community theater as a youth and continued in college with student theater. He remarked, “I’ve always really liked Shakespeare. My college career was bookended by Hamlet in my first semester and by Romeo and Juliet in the final semester of my senior year.”

Brewster-Geisz started acting during his middle school years and then attended Colby College in Maine where he earned a performing arts degree. Later, he started working backstage in lights and sound until he started acting again at the Greenbelt Arts Center in a production of Henry IV, Part 1. He teaches at the National Conservatory of

Dramatic Arts.

Brewster-Geisz said, “One of the first things I did out of my conservatory where I got my certificate in acting was working with Baltimore Shakespeare Factory on A Midsummer Night’s Dream. And, the whole original practices thing was just a huge revelation to me. I’ve brought it into every production of Shakespeare I’ve done since, whether it’s been required or not.”

Rogers and Brewster-Geisz are actors in the Brave Spirits Theatre (BST) which is based in the Lab at Convergence in Alexandria, Va. BST professes to be built on the “backbone of verse

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PHOTO BY DARRELL MACH

Greenbelt Councilmember Leta Mach reads *The Little Engine That Could* in a video posted on the city Facebook page. The city has been posting content for families, including crafts, baking and storytelling, to help entertain children staying at home.

Editorial

Coronavirus is Now Affecting Your Local Newspaper, Too

Over the past several weeks we have reported on how the pandemic has affected Greenbelt and many of its organizations and institutions, and we will continue to do so throughout the duration of this public health crisis. This situation is affecting the News Review too. For example, we will be publishing only 8-page papers (instead of our usual 12 or 16) for the time being. Why? We are trying to cut costs where we can since many of our usual advertisers have been shut down or otherwise affected by the pandemic. The current level of advertising isn't enough to pay even for an 8-page paper, but it's a little closer. Also, we are doing much of

our work from home remotely and for those who need to be physically present at our office, we are insisting that only three or four at a time work and that they follow social distancing rules. We have equipped each work station at the office with alcohol wipes so any surface touched is wiped before anyone else touches it. We are also working with a significantly reduced number of staff members. Our paper carriers are also still working and are following appropriate hygiene and distancing rules. In terms of our content, we have fewer photos with people in them, since events have been postponed or cancelled. We

welcome photos (that are high resolution) of Greenbelt residents finding ways to cope creatively during this situation in which we have been asked to stay at home except for essential activities. By the way, media and news are considered essential to communicate with the community. We are committed to continuing to provide news and information to Greenbelt during this crisis, both to inform and also, hopefully, to provide each of us with a reminder that we are a community and are all in this together, and that even while sequestered at home, we need each other's support more than ever.

Letters to the Editor

Local Heroes

Many thanks to my local heroes who continue to serve with kindness, care, compassion and dedication. The Co-op Grocery Store has been my favorite shopping and gathering place in Greenbelt for many years. During this pandemic, they continue to provide food and supplies for our community. Their services are first rate: I express my gratitude. Our Greenbelt Public Works has been keeping our buildings and grounds functioning; I truly appreciate that my trash continues to be eliminated every week. Bravo and thank you. I wondered if my News Review would be able to publish? It continues to arrive each week – a tradition since 1937! I am blessed and grateful for my wonderful community of Greenbelt! Thank you.

Jeri Holloway

Plaque Cleaning

I'm curious about who has been cleaning some of the memorial plaques that families have placed on some benches around the center. I have polished the

plaque I dedicated to my mother on occasion, but the most recent cleaning was done with either a wire brush, or fine steel wool.

When I polished mom's plaque, I gently rubbed Brasso over the middle so as to not disturb the oxidation in the letters and to leave a warm polished surface. Brasso is immediately rinsed off with water and the surface is wiped with a wet rag.

Since my mom's plaque was one of those that was wire brushed, I had to use a wet sanding paper of 1,000 grit to attempt some salvage and it will still require some additional work.

Metal polishing is not complicated, but it requires some understanding.

How Are You Coping?

Send us your stories and photos, showing what you are doing during forced time at home. We will publish a selection of these submissions during the coming weeks. Email editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Brasso works well, but scouring powder would be too abrasive and above all else, cleaning must be done gently.

Haste makes waste.
Drake Allen

Co-op Food Donation Bags are Back

Thanks to Bob Davis and the other Co-op employees who prepare the \$5 Food Donation bags that are given to the St. Hugh Food Pantry. Co-op had to temporarily stop the program because they did not know day to day what food and how much was being delivered to the store. Now that deliveries are a bit more stable, the program was reinstated this past weekend. Pantry volunteers are grateful to the Co-op.

Mary Ann Tretler, President
St. Hugh Ladies of Charity

Co-op Delivery Urged

Before the pandemic, I understand the Co-op grocery store had nearly completed plans to allow customers to submit online orders

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- B. Glee

Mail Alert

Due to the closure of the Community Center it appears that some mail sent to us is being returned to the sender. Mail can be placed through the mail slot in our outside door. If that is not feasible, please email us at editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

University of Maryland Reporters

University of Maryland students in journalism are writing for the News Review: India Afriyie, Rayonna Burton-Jernigan, Aneurin Canham-Clyne, Brogan Gerhart, Michelle Siegel and Grace Kathleen Todd.

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Greenbelt Federal Credit Union

SOCIAL DISTANCING / NEW BUSINESS HOURS

until further notice

Due to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic and our state Governor's recommendations, our business hours have been modified.

The branch will be **closed to members on Tuesdays and Thursdays**; you may call to schedule an appointment for loan closings or new account openings. The branch will be open on Mondays and Wednesdays normal business hours, and on Fridays from 9am to 5pm. Thank you for your understanding.

Please remember Social Distancing to keep yourself and our staff safe.

We encourage our members to utilize our electronic services as much as possible. This includes **online banking w/bill pay, visiting our atm to make deposits and withdrawals, and using our mobile app to check your balance**. If you need assistance signing up or using these services please contact us and our staff will be happy to help you.

Thank you for your membership



Greenbelt FCU

Community Events

Utopia Festival Films Will Play on GATe

Starting this weekend on Friday, April 10 and running through Thursday, April 16, Greenbelt Access Television (GATe) will be running selections from previous Utopia Film Festival screenings.

One complaint the Festival Committee hears every year from viewers is that there isn't enough time to see all the films screened over the weekend of the festival. This week three films from the 2019 festival will be available for viewing.

First up is the locally made short film, *Together We Will Bring Back the Shad Fish*, which depicts the reintroduction to Maryland waterways of a once prolific and important fish species.

Medicine in the Mind deals with treatment of opioid addiction in Western Maryland and the surrounding area, a hard-hit region of the U.S. Meditation techniques are being used successfully as treatment in the most extensive program of its kind in the country. It's an uplifting and hopeful look at saving lives from the ravages of addiction.

The feature-length *Doctor C* tells the story of medical doctor Francis Chiamonte, who in the 1960s devoted himself to creating and building Southern Maryland Hospital. Opening in 1977, the hospital embodies the inspiring story of one doctor whose vision and persistence took caring for people's health to a whole new level. In so doing he helped thousands of people in an area that had had little or no accessible hospital care.

These films will be shown on Fios channel 19, Comcast channel 77 and streaming live at greenbeltaccessstv.org. at 9 a.m., 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The 2020 Utopia Film Festival, now in its 16th consecutive year, will take place the weekend of October 24.

Community Compost

The hot compost station near Springhill Lake Recreation Center is still actively collecting food scraps from current participants but in-person trainings for new members have been canceled for the time being. Those interested in learning about the system that turns food scraps and wood chips into compost, and keeps food scraps from creating methane at the landfill, can still fill out the form at bit.ly/GBComposting to be notified when in-person training resumes or if virtual training becomes available.

Email questions to GreenbeltNeighborhoodCompost@gmail.com.



If you can sew a seam
Or cut along a line
Iron a square of fabric
Or run a washer/dryer
Ferry stuff from A to B
Or coordinate others
The Greenbelt COVID-19
Mask Makers need help.
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Bike to Work Canceled

The planned Bike to Work day, scheduled for May 15, has been canceled. The organizers state that they will not move the event to another date in 2020 but will start planning for 2021.

Mindfulness Series

Due to the current pandemic, the Greenbelt Unplugged April mindfulness event will be held online via Zoom. The time and date are the same: Sunday, April 12, 1:30 to 3 p.m. To get the zoom meeting information connect with us via the contact link on greenbeltunplugged.org or email nmcfarb@gmail.com.

Applications Due For Studio Space

The Greenbelt Recreation Artist-in-residence (AIR) Program is now accepting applications for studio space in the Community Center. The AIR program seeks to provide affordable 24-hour studio space in an atmosphere of mutual support and inspiration. This opportunity is available to artists, artisans and designers, ages 18 and up. Applications are due Thursday, April 30 and new residencies will begin in July. A monthly rental fee applies.

Participants are selected for the AIR program based on their artwork, professional qualifications and interest in community involvement. The program is open to both residents and non-residents of Greenbelt. Eight artists in residence are currently participating, sharing three subdivided, light-filled former classrooms. Current artists represent a diverse array of media, including ceramic art tile, functional pottery, assemblage, painting, sculpture and violin making.

The Community Center houses a contemporary art gallery, dance studio, television production studio, arts education classrooms and many other amenities.

The program application is available at greenbeltmd.gov/arts. Before applying, contact Nicole DeWald at ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov for a virtual studio tour, required of first-time applicants. There is a fee to apply.

Library Resources Online, Public Wi-Fi

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) is providing access to free resources and services online 24/7 throughout the COVID-19 health emergency and while the library's branches are closed. Customers can access online library content with their library cards via pgcmls.info. The library's wide range of online resources and apps include curated content collections, such as PGCMLS Digital Suite and PGCMLS Creative Suite, and more than 85 online resources for all ages. Special content is available for kids, teens and educators.

Though libraries are closed, public Wi-Fi is accessible from all library parking lots and the exterior of permanent and temporary facilities. Patrons can use Wi-Fi to check email, download ebooks or audiobooks and use online resources.

During the public health emergency, PGCMLS is maintaining a COVID-19 webpage that shares current County Health Department guidance and highlights special temporary resources for all ages and businesses from cultural organizations, government agencies, educational institutions, healthcare providers and utilities. Explore the list of temporary resources, which is regularly updated. The library is also promoting virtual events for all ages throughout the closure, including children's programs and health information events. Visit the Facebook page for details.

Dem Club Cancels Its April 17 Meeting

The Democratic Club has canceled its Friday, April 17 membership meeting.



GAC Cabaret On Facebook

Greenbelt Arts Center is hosting a virtual cabaret on Facebook, where participants can post weekly videos of themselves singing a song based on a different theme each week. This week's theme is movie musicals. To join the group, go to Facebook and search for GAC Virtual Cabaret.

School Meals Pickup Now Twice a Week

Selected schools have been distributing free breakfasts, lunches and snacks daily from multiple locations in the county. Springhill Lake Elementary is the local pickup point for students who attend any school. Meal pickup will occur twice a week. Going forward, students get meals for two days on Mondays and for three days on Wednesdays. There will be no meal service on Monday, April 13 due to spring break. Service will resume Tuesday, April 14 with one meal; three meals will be available on Wednesday, April 15.

Parents may pick up meals for students who are unable to come to the site by showing a student ID or report card. Meals are available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents and guardians are not required to accompany students nor are students required to show ID.

Storytelling in ASL Crowdcast Saturdays

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System, in partnership with the Old Greenbelt Theatre, will offer Storytelling with ASL (American Sign Language) hosted by Erikson Young starting on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. on Crowdcast. This new weekly virtual storytelling program, recommended for ages 2 to 5, will continue for the duration of the public health emergency.

Young will present beloved children's stories from the library's vast ebook collection. These programs, presented in ASL only, are free and open to the public. Each program will feature two ebooks. Go to pgcmls.info/virtual-events to find the link on Saturday mornings for an ASL reading adventure.

Toastmasters Meets Online Wednesdays

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club has gone virtual. Those interested in improving communication or leadership skills are invited to join online or by phone every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Toastmasters provides a fun and friendly environment, usually in person but currently online. Find details for joining in remotely at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, April 16, 2020

1. *GHI Open Session Meeting – begins at 7:00 p.m.

- Announcement of Executive Session Meeting Held on April 2, 2020
- Announcement of Complaint Hearing Held in a Closed Meeting on April 7, 2020
- Approve Minutes of Open Session Meeting Held on March 19, 2020
- Buildings Committee Recommendation re: Regulation of Pest Control Noise Emitting Devices
- Sustainability Sub-Committee's Recommendation re: EV Charging Stations for the Administration Building Complex
- Proposed Asbestos Operating and Management Plan for GHI
- Update re: Solar PVES for the Administration Building
- Postponement of the Annual Membership Meeting in Light of the Covid-19 Pandemic
- Electronic Pre-Purchase Orientation Meetings and Prospective Member Interviews Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic
- Approve Motion to Hold an Executive Session Meeting on April 16, 2020

2. GHI Executive Session Meeting – begins after the GHI Open Session meeting adjourns

- Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting Held on March 19, 2020
- Discuss Member Financial Matters
- Consider Approval of the Following Contracts:
 - Contract for Gutter Cleaning - 2nd reading
 - Contract for Replacement of Airconditioning Units for Larger Townhomes - 2nd reading
 - Contract for Replacement of Roofs for Frame Homes - 2nd reading
 - 2020-2022 Contract for Employee Uniforms – 2nd reading
 - Contract for Installation of Access Control System for Doors and Gates at the Administration Building - 1st reading
- Discuss Complaint Matters

**In view of the coronavirus pandemic, the GHI Administration building is closed to members and visitors who can instead attend the GHI Open Session Meeting electronically. Information regarding how to attend this electronic meeting will be provided in GHI's e-newsletter on Monday, April 13th.*



To request a sign language interpreter for a board meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, or go to the GHI Office (One Hamilton Place) or contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
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GATe Program Schedule Friday Apr 10 - Thursday Apr 16		
SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE		
7 am	From the GATe Archive	• Selected Programs
8 am	Democracy Now!	• Repeat of Yesterday's Program
9 am	Utopia Film Festival ★ <small>Shorts/Docs From Past Festivals</small>	• Doctor C • The Medicine in the Mind • Together We Will Bring Back the Shad
11 am	From the GATe Archive	• Selected Programs
12 pm	Democracy Now!	• Today's Program • Independent News
1 pm	Strata	• Cultural Heritage & Archeology
2 pm	From the GATe Archive	• Selected Programs
3 pm	Utopia Film Festival ★ <small>Shorts/Docs From Past Festivals</small>	• Doctor C • The Medicine in the Mind • Together We Will Bring Back the Shad
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12 am		
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all virtual. At this point, the worksession schedule is proposed, and has yet to be adopted. The city manager, assistant city manager and city treasurer are working on changes to the budget that will be presented. Many of these changes will be reflective of the estimated costs incurred by the economic shutdown and its toll on the city.

Ard emphasized that any revenue projections will be simply that, as the situation changes on a daily basis. She estimated that a complete economic recovery might not occur for 24 months after the virus has reached its culmination.

Councilmember Edward Putens said it is likely that any new budget will include a 20 to 25 percent decrease in revenues and a 15 percent rise in expenditures.

Ard said that she was focused on “continuity of government” and making sure all essential services, maintenance and cleanings are ensured. This would mean new procedures in many cases, especially services that have required in-person interactions, like deliveries to seniors. Enabling more teleworking for staff is a goal. She said that the city will be taking its lead on health measures from the county, state and federal government and, most importantly, from the Centers for Disease Control to which she advised all residents to refer.

Palau said that residents can refer daily to the city’s website and social media for updates on the health situation.

Public Works Director Jim Sterling noted that bus services, trash removal and cleaning services are active and at full staff. He said that while bus ridership is down, bus cleanliness is being practiced throughout the system. He said that the city is well-prepared with sanitation supplies for the next 60 days as the city was early in its efforts to stock up.

Police Chief Rick Bowers assured council that officers are being provided with necessary health protection equipment. He said that there is no curfew under the stay-at-home order and that residents seen outside would be stopped only on a case-by-case basis if required at all.

With the current frequent use of the city’s emergency relief fund, it was speculated that the fund could be augmented through a fundraiser, perhaps through the city Facebook page.

Councilmember Judith Davis said that the latest stimulus bills

would not affect Greenbelt specifically but that some of that money could trickle down from the state or county. She speculated that future bills might be centered more on municipalities.

She also remarked that, while council is deeply concerned about the fate of small businesses in the city, she made clear that the first priority will be to ensure that city services continue. Businesses should probably begin looking at state, county and federal relief programs for the time being.

She also reminded residents to complete their census forms, as the city’s response numbers are low.

Prior to Ard’s reading the state of emergency statement into the record, there was a discussion about the appropriateness of a

vote taken by council in addition to the adoption of the statement. Adoption is the final purview of Ard. Byrd held the vote after council agreed that the vote would be noted in the record as representing support only from council. In voting no, Putens and Councilmember Rodney Roberts expressed that they were “concerned about the precedent of seemingly requiring the city manager to get this type of executive declaration approved by the city,” echoing Byrd’s opinion, and not a disagreement with the substance of the declaration, with Byrd stating, “I can appreciate both sides though.”

Additional information on city services is included in the city ad and in other items throughout the newspaper.

No Easter Sunrise Service at Park

The ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service, held each year in Buddy Attick Park, has been canceled. Many churches in the community are video streaming services, allowing people to celebrate this high point of the Christian liturgical year from their homes.



A redbud tree shows its colors.

PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN



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Luke 24:5-6



Sunday Worship Services
10a-10:45am **ONLINE**
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Greenbelt Community Church

Our Sunday Worship Services and Wednesday Lenten Agape Meals are Cancelled until Further Notice

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April 9 7:30pm,
Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday
April 10
Noon: Stations of the Cross
7:30pm: Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion

Easter
April 11 8pm, Easter Vigil
April 12 11am,
Easter Sunday



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City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 14, 2020, 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations
(Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- National Telecommunications (Dispatch)
- Animal Control Appreciation Week
- Proposed FY 2021 City Budget

Petitions and Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

* Minutes of Council Meeting

Administrative Reports

* Committee Reports

- * Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) - Report #2020-02
- * Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) - Report #2020-03 (Zoning for the Greenbelt Forest Preserve)
- * Arts Advisory Board (AAB) Report #20-3 (Proposed Gift of Artwork from K. Karlson, Artist in Residence)
- * Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) - Report # 2020-01

LEGISLATION

- Resolution to Negotiate the Installation of Solar Photovoltaic Energy System to Offset Municipal Consumption to Standard Solar, Inc. of Rockville, MD (Solar Farm) 2nd Reading and Adoption
- Resolution for State Enterprise Zone Designation - 2nd Reading, Adoption
- Resolution for the Purchase of Police Department Mobile Data Terminals (MDT) Computers
 - 1st Reading
- Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Wireless Siting Consulting Services from CTC Technology and Energy of Kensington, Maryland at an estimated cost of \$8,900.
 - 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Relief Payments - Phase 4
- City's Response to COVID-19
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- *Comment Letter on Countywide Sectional Map Amendment
- * Private Recreation Facilities Agreement for NRP/Greenbelt Metro Residential Development
- * Greenbelt Arts Center Lease Agreement
- * Appointments to Advisory Boards
- * Reappointment to Advisory Groups
- *Resignation from Advisory Group

SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS

COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE VIRTUAL

Due to the COVID-19 precautions, the Council Meeting will be held virtually and is planned to be cablecast on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and streamed to www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv as it happens.

Resident participation: Join By phone: (301) 715-8592
Meeting ID: 606 022 272, Password (if needed): 997282
In advance the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

Answers: 1. Greenbelt Community Center 2. Schrom Hills Park
3. Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center 4. Springfield Lake Recreation Center, 5. Greenbelt Youth Center 6. Buddy Attick Park

UPCOMING VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Tuesday, April 14 at 8:00pm Regular MeetingBudget Presentation

Thursday, April 16 at 8:00 pm Budget Work Session – Overview, General Fund, General Government, Miscellaneous & Other Funds

Monday, April 20, 8:00pm, Budget Work Session – Museum/Social Services (CARES)

Wednesday, April 22, 8:00 pm, Budget Work Session – Public Works/Capital Projects Fund


Monday, April 27, 8:00 pm, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 29, 8:00 pm, Budget Work Session – Greenbelt Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) & Greenbelt Community Animal Response Team (CART)/Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept.(GVFD)/Public Safety

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: **Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee**

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1 cup of flour, 1/2 cup of salt, 1/2 cup of water


Stir together all three ingredients until a dough forms. Kneading the dough a will help make it smoother and easier to shape. From here you can flatten out the dough and either use an oval cookie cutter to shape the dough or do it by hand. If you want to be able to hang the eggs when they are finished then take this time to make a hole at the top — straws work perfectly. Next, you will bake the dough in the oven at 250F for 2 hours.

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2020census.gov

Hunt for Greenbelt Destinations

Join us for a virtual trip to visit a few Greenbelt destinations. See if you can identify all six! *Clues crafted by Christopher Cherry*

1. With classes, meetings, camps and shows, and arts of every kind This landmark building serves all ages; thus it was designed: A centerpiece of civic life and learning, as before And outside, "We The People" carved in stone above the door
2. This park in Greenbelt East was once an airport, it is true Where airplanes taxied and took off to soar up in the blue But now instead of runways there are playing fields for you A walking path, a playground, and place for picnics, too!
3. Thanks to Mrs. Roosevelt, the plan survived intact So Greenbelt built a public pool – the county's first, in fact Then came an indoor pool; machines for fitness, too, abound So now you can go swimming and work out here all year round
4. In Greenbelt West there is a place for learning and for fun A happy place for kids to gather once the school day's done You can learn computer coding there or practice a new sport 'Cause Frank and Brian help you grow, both on and off the court!
5. Some call it by its proper name, while others say "The Rec" It overlooks green Braden Field, where batters are on deck The skate park's out in front; inside's a gym and gameroom, too In summer, there's Camp Pine Tree -- kids, this place was built for you!
6. A beloved city worker gave this central park its name Ensuring we'd remember him – a pleasant kind of fame There's nothing more refreshing than a walk around the lake Giving thanks for nature's beauties and the wonder they awake

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Threat
March 31, 6 a.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. A 31-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and threat of mass violence after officers responded to a report of a man threatening employees at the Franklin Park maintenance office. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Arrest
March 25, 8:20 p.m., Greenbelt Road near Southway. A 36-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with motor vehicle theft after the 2020 Hyundai Santa Fe SUV he was operating was found to have been reported stolen to the Texas Highway Patrol in Houston. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Theft
March 26, 11:15 a.m., 6800 block Landon Court. Mail was taken from a residential mailbox. The doorbell camera recorded a black vehicle pulling away from the mailbox.

Burglary
March 28, 3:30 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. A woman was inside her residence when someone used a key to open her front door. She heard a man say “someone lives here” as he closed the door. The woman did not see the man.

March 29, 3 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. A laptop computer, television and other household items were taken from

a residence.
March 31, 6 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A wallet, gift cards and a notebook computer were taken from a residence.

April 1, 7 a.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. A video game player and a camera were taken after a window screen was cut to reach the window and open it to gain entry into a residence.

April 1, 4:53 p.m., 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive. A man and a woman broke into a guest room at the Residence Inn, which damaged the door. They then left the room and fled in a vehicle described as a black 2002 Cadillac Escalade pickup truck bearing Virginia tags. Both the man and the woman are described as black, with the man in his 40s or 50s, 5 feet 5 inches tall, 150 pounds, with a beard, wearing a black-and-white sweatshirt and gray beanie-type hat, and a woman in her 30s or 40s, 5 feet 6 to 5 feet 9 inches tall, 120 to 135 pounds, wearing a black jacket and gray beanie-type hat.

Vehicle Crime
Rear tags were taken from two vehicles in 9 Court Southway on March 28, Maryland 7BR7809 and Maryland 408Y64.

Windows were broken out in four vehicles in the 9100 block Edmonston Road on March 29 to gain access for thefts. Money was removed in one case and a wallet in another. Two others were rummaged through but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Paint was scratched on a vehicle in the 9100 block Breezewood Terrace on April 1.

Letters continued

for pickup or delivery, for a small fee. With COVID-19 in our community, we urge Co-op to launch this service. COVID-19 is spread primarily through coughing, sneezing and even breathing, posing severe risk for lifelong lung damage or death. Reducing the number of people in the store would be a vital mechanism to reduce risk to employees, their families and shoppers. For Greenbelters under quarantine, Co-op remains a crucial community link. But without a pickup service, Co-op risks spreading infection among employees, their families and customers. We learned in news reports of a Largo grocery store worker who succumbed to the virus.

With pickup service, Co-op can be a community safety leader in this health crisis. What Greenbelt does right now will impact rates of infection, hospitalization, injury and death in the coming weeks. If Co-op employees become sick and unable to work, it seems unlikely temporary employees would subsequently risk their own health. We have long relied on Co-op for groceries and medicine. But to minimize exposure, this week we also ordered our first DoorDash and Instacart deliveries.

We ask Co-op and the city to do everything possible to protect the health and lives of employees and customers. Our community needs action in this public health emergency.

Johanna Goderre

Pickup/Delivery Needed Immediately

I am very grateful to the Co-op grocery store and its employees for continuing to serve our community during the COVID-19 crisis. I had hoped to be able to get groceries ordered for pickup or delivery, but was told last

week that they were still working on it. At this point it seems like a vital service for a community that has a higher concentration of older adults. I urge the Co-op Supermarket to fast track a pickup/delivery service. We need you more than ever.

Lola Skolnik

Curbside Pickup And Delivery Service

I love our Co-op grocery store and have been a regular customer for over a decade. Considering the current pandemic, I recently inquired about options for Instacart, curbside pickup or other “distancing” options. I was informed that none would be made available. I implore the management and board to reconsider this decision. Although I would prefer to spend my money at the Co-op, my family has shifted to using delivery services from Safeway and Costco. Other community members, I know, have done the same to minimize exposure to others.

As the CDC says, now is the time to be our most vigilant. While I commend the Co-op management, employees and board for responding in other creative ways to the current pandemic, I believe not providing delivery options to serve the community is a mistake. At best, it appears to be a bad business decision. At worse, congregating in a grocery store could unwittingly cause the spread of a pandemic.

As a “progressive” community, we must always consider new and innovative ways to do things that serve our community. Surely, trying to protect Greenbelt during a pandemic is not the time for status quo.

Dana Tompkins

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Greenbelt Police Respond to Shooting at the Crowne Plaza

As this paper was going to press on Wednesday, April 8, Greenbelt Police reported a possible shooting at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Ivy Lane. Police authorities announced that the 6300-6400 block of Ivy Lane had been closed due to police activity and advised people to avoid the area. They said that out of an abundance of caution, they had notified law enforcement partners in Prince George’s County, who were assisting at the scene. Me-

dia reports said that the hotel had been evacuated after the shooting had been reported. Police were still at the hotel continuing to look for one or two shooters, according to Greenbelt police.
Greenbelt Police Department officers had first been called to the hotel around 11:15 a.m. after the shooting had first been reported. Two gunmen were reported to have entered the building and fired shots, but no one was injured.

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Some Therapeutic Benefits Of Sewing Face Masks

by Leslie McLaughlin

I have been sewing since I was 5 years old and have collected fabric all my life: for my clothes, my kids' clothes, quilts, etc. When the call to make masks went out, I went to our basement and pulled out boxes of fabric.

The masks in the photo were made by another Greenbelter – I'm finishing these with ties.

We haven't kept count so I have no idea how many masks Mike and I will make. Mike is busy cutting and ironing fabric and cooking for us. The fabrics were all bought with love and I'm enjoying seeing them all again going into masks. The scraps will probably go into a quilt about this time in our lives.

I hate that we are in this and

have to make masks but I feel blessed to have the skills to contribute in trying to help keep people safe from harm. Sewing and knitting help calm me during this crazy time.

Greenbelt again is coming together to help in whatever ways we each can. Once again I feel blessed to live in this great community.

Leslie and Mike McLaughlin are two members of many in the community involved in mask-making and all can help. Sewing skills are in demand but so are folks who can cut out, iron and transport. To assist, go to facebook.com/groups/GreenbeltCovid19FaceMask or email GreenbeltMasks@gmail.com.

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Brave Spirits actors from left, Zach Brewster-Geisz, Annette Mooney, Tom Howley and Ian Blackwell Rogers

and violence” and the “contrast of the elegance of poetry with the baseness of humanity.”

BST stages intimate productions of plays by Shakespeare and his contemporaries with a focus on feminist perspectives and female artists. It will become the first professional American theater company to do a full production of Shakespeare's tetralogies (eight historical plays comprising two sets of four plays each) over the next two years.

In 2020, the theater will be presenting Shakespeare's Histories: The King's Shadow. With this they will be showcasing Richard II, Henry IV parts 1 and 2, and Henry V.

Rogers will be playing John Falstaff in Henry IV Parts 1 and 2. Brewster-Geisz has yet to make his BST debut.

“The thing that you don't see when you go see the show is that

all of these companies make the production team and the actors do a lot of text analysis. So, they work really hard on the verse and the words of the play and analyzing it and making sure we understand it and the meters of it,” said Rogers.

One of the many challenges of actors is not knowing your next show. Luckily, the pair say there are great motivators that keep them going.

“One of the reasons that I've pursued theater more than film or TV is just getting up in front of an audience and having that immediate connection. You don't make the same connection with a camera. And so being in front of an audience, hearing them laugh, seeing them cry is always the hugest motivator, for me,” said Brewster-Geisz.

Though that isn't where they perform, the Greenbelt Art Center

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Emergency Preparedness and Operations Plan, which was written just under 20 years ago, in May 2002. It lists “potential emergencies which warrant the declaration of a City state of emergency,” including “dam failures,” “radiological emergencies” and “civil disorder.”

Pandemic is not on the list. It explains that in unlisted situations, the “City Manager has the authority to declare a City State of Emergency... based on his/her best judgment.”

It also states that if Prince George's County, the State of Maryland or the federal government declares a state of emergency that includes Greenbelt's area, the city will automatically follow suit. Ard says in terms of COVID-19, this made sense as the nature of the pandemic is such that higher levels of government have more resources with which to respond.

“We don't have the epidemi-

ologists and folks like that,” she said. “We look to the CDC, we look to the governor, and we look to our county health and the operations folks as the leaders, and we're there to support them and do what we can.”

But, she says Greenbelt has its own strengths. “Our city staff is a small organization, but mighty in terms of passion for the community and flexibility.”

Mayor Colin Byrd echoed Ard's

sentiment. “I give a lot of credit not only to the staff and the city manager, but I give a lot of credit to our community,” Byrd said.

Both also said there is a large network of government officials and experts around the country working to respond effectively.

“There is a great partnership with other levels of government,” Byrd said. “A lot of communication with the county, the state and even with the U.S. government.”

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There are differences too. In the war there was rationing and shortages but shops and pubs were open and dancehalls, cinemas and theaters were closed only briefly early on. People could gather in large groups, to eat, drink and be merry. Today's technology tries to compensate, enabling us to communicate by FaceTiming and Zooming our get-togethers, but it hasn't come up with a virtual hug that satisfies the way the old-fashioned ones did.

Princess Elizabeth closed her wartime broadcast with “Goodnight children, everywhere,” a song made famous by Vera Lynn. By association, these words comforted children who were evacuated from their homes to escape the bombings. Is it a coincidence that the Queen closed her speech on Sunday with a line from another WWII song, also made famous by Vera Lynn, “We'll meet again?” I don't think it's a coincidence. There are many similarities between what was experienced during the war and today's COVID crisis and we

need the same reassurance, resolve and community spirit to get through it.

In her speech on Sunday, the Queen didn't say “Keep calm and carry on” and she didn't say, “Keep a stiff upper lip.” She didn't have to. Those admonishments were softly but strongly imbedded in her words.

One of the TV news people reviewing the speech was surprised that the Queen had not mentioned that her son had contracted the disease. She didn't have to, because everyone knew that Prince Charles had caught the novel coronavirus. The Queen understood that this broadcast was for the people around the globe listening to and watching it. It wasn't about her. That's the conduct of a leader.

Sylvia Lewis is a Greenbelt News Review board member and former president of GHI. To hear We'll Meet Again, go to youtube.com/watch?v=HsM_VmN6ytk. For Goodnight Children Everywhere go to youtube.com/watch?v=iQWY31G3B58.

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